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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 49-63 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 49-63 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-11, 49-63 are pending for examination.
2. Claims 1-11, 49-63 are rejected.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "... according to claim *1* ... *the* interface has contactless communicating means ". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. For the purpose of applying art, the examiner assumes the phrase should be "... according to claim *6* ... “.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-11, 49-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Daggar, U.S. Patent 5,748,737.
4. As per claim 1; “A data decoding apparatus comprising:  
decoding means for

decoding one of

encoded and

encrypted digital data [Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, clearly encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.];

memory means for

storing monitoring data [Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet micro-module secure storage and multiple interface aspects, clearly encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.]; and

charge control means for

performing a charging process by changing

the monitoring data in the memory means in accordance with

an instruction of reproducing conditions information associated with

the digital data when the digital data are decoded [Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet micro-module secure storage (i.e., col. 18, lines 62-col. 21, line 35, col. 9, lines 5-30 'emphasis on data security as opposed to media security ... a remote banking terminal, ... a transaction security controller, and transaction recorder and reconciler, among other

functions ...'), clearly encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.]”.

Further, as per claim 11, this claim is the method claim for the apparatus claim 1 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 1 rejection, as such; “A data decoding method comprising the steps of:

decoding one of

encoded and

encrypted digital data; and

performing a changing process by

changing stored monitoring data in accordance with

reproducing conditions information associated with

the digital data when the digital data are decoded.”.

5. Claim 2 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising

identifier memory means for

storing an identifier of the

decoded digital data and

decoding conditions,

wherein

a log remains in the identifier memory means after

the decoding of the digital data.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet micro-module secure storage as related to the multimedia content protection, banking transaction content, and multiple digital card(s) with associated users (and associated identifiers), clearly encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

6. Claim 3 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising

an interface that

safely exchanges data with an external apparatus by

encrypting the data,

wherein

the monitoring data are stored in the memory means through the interface.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, clearly interfaces external to the device (i.e., user interface, magnetic, etc., card interfaces) as associated with the stored data/parameters/transaction logs, etc., and encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

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7. Claim 4 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The data decoding apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

the interface has contactless communicating means.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s), secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, clearly interfaces external to the device (i.e., user interface, magnetic, etc., card interfaces) which include proximity/contactless based (i.e., magnetic, weigand, RF, etc.) technologies, and encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

8. Claim 5 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The data decoding apparatus according to claim 4, wherein

the interface has electric power receiving means; and

the data in the memory means are accessed through the interface when

a power source of an apparatus main body is not supplied.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s), secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, such that power supplied via solar cells (i.e., col. 12, lines 66-col. 13, line 3, col. 17, lines 1-44), encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

9. Claim 6 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising

an interface that

safely exchanges data with an external apparatus by

encrypting the data,

wherein log data in the memory means are

outputted,

inputted, and

changed through the interface.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, clearly interfaces external to the device (i.e., user interface, magnetic, etc., card interfaces) as associated with the stored data/parameters/transaction logs, etc., and encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

10. Claim 7 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the interface has contactless communicating means.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s), secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, clearly



interfaces external to the device (i.e., user interface, magnetic, etc., card interfaces) which include proximity/contactless based (i.e., magnetic, weigand, RF, etc.) technologies, and encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

11. Claim 8 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The data decoding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein

the interface has electric power receiving means and

the data in the memory means are accessed through the interface when

a power source of an apparatus main body is not supplied.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s), secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, such that power supplied via solar cells (i.e., col. 12, lines 66-col. 13, line 3, col. 17, lines 1-44), encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

12. Claim 9 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

when the digital data are decoded, one of

a part of the reproducing conditions information,

all of the reproducing conditions information, and

a result obtained by performing an arithmetic operation on the reproducing conditions information is

embedded as a watermark that is decoded into the output data.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and ‘Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13, lines 28-col. 14, line 8, col. 18, lines 62-col. 21, line 30)’, encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

13. Claim 10 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The data decoding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

when the digital data are

decoded and

a watermark has been added,

the data embedded in the watermark are

decoded and

the decoded data are outputted

when the decoded watermark data are equal to

a normal value obtained from

the reproducing conditions information.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia

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card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and 'Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13,lines 28-col. 14,line 8, col. 18,lines 62-col. 21,line 30)' whereas the case of financial transactions clearly won't occur if said user associated information so embedded is not authenticated (i.e., financial transactions won't allow for multiple, reproduced, duplicated transactions), and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

14. As per claim 49; "A decoding apparatus comprising:

a decoding unit for

performing a decoding process to

compressed and

encrypted data including data

read from a medium and

corresponding to reproducing conditions [Abstract, col. 1,lines 5-25, col. 7,lines 33-col. 9,line 31, col. 9,lines 63-col. 21,line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, multiple interface aspects (i.e., the cards being medium elements), and 'Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13,lines 28-col. 14,line 8, col. 18,lines 62-col. 21,line

30)' whereas the case of financial transactions clearly won't occur if said user associated information so embedded is not authenticated (i.e., financial transactions won't allow for multiple, reproduced, duplicated transactions), and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.];

a storing unit for

storing monitoring data [Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet micro-module secure storage and multiple interface aspects, clearly encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.]; and

a control unit for

performing a changing process to

the monitoring data stored in the storing unit on the basis of

the data corresponding to the reproducing conditions separated by

the decoding unit when the read data

are decoded and

are targets of charging [Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet micro-module secure storage (i.e., col. 18, lines 62-col. 21, line 35, col. 9, lines 5-30

'emphasis on data security as opposed to media security ...

a remote banking terminal, ... a transaction security

controller, and transaction recorder and reconciler, among other functions ...'), clearly encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.]”.

15. Claim 50 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, wherein

when the read data are not the targets of the charging,

the control unit does not change the monitoring data stored in the storing unit.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and ‘Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13, lines 28-col. 14, line 8, col. 18, lines 62-col. 21, line 30)’ whereas the case of financial transactions clearly won’t occur if said user associated information so embedded is not authenticated (i.e., financial transactions won’t allow for multiple, reproduced, duplicated transactions), and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

16. Claim 51 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, further comprising

a converting unit for

converting output data outputted from the decoding unit into an analog signal.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s), secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, clearly interfaces external to the device (i.e., user interface, magnetic, etc., card interfaces) which include proximity/contactless based (i.e., magnetic, weigand, RF, etc.) technologies, whereas the interfacing to said technologies is an analog signal, and encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

17. Claim 52 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, wherein

reproduction history information of the read data decoded by

the decoding unit are stored in the storing unit.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and the case of financial transactions (i.e., banking transactions) and user associated information, encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

18. Claim 53 ***additionally recites*** the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 52, further comprising

a communicating unit,

wherein

the reproduction history information is outputted to an external apparatus through the communicating unit and the monitoring data are stored in the storing unit.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet case of financial transactions (i.e., banking transactions) and user associated information, encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

19. Claim 54 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 53, wherein

an operation electric power is supplied to the apparatus from an exterior source through the communicating unit.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s), secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, such that power supplied via solar cells (i.e., col. 12, lines 66-col. 13, line 3, col. 17, lines 1-44), encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

20. Claim 55 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, wherein

the decoding unit comprises

a decoder for decoding the encryption performed on the read data and

a decompressing unit for decompressing the data decoded by the decoder.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and multiple interface aspects, inclusive of the inherent data compression used in the cryptographic (i.e., hash calculation, encryption/decryption per se) functions and magnetic card data protocol/transfer functions, and encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

21. Claim 56 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, further comprising

a watermark detecting unit for

detecting whether a watermark has been added to output data outputted from the decoding unit,

wherein when the watermark is not detected

the output data from the decoding unit are outputted.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and ‘Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13, lines 28-col. 14, line 8, col.



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18,lines 62-col. 21,line 30)', encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

22. Claim 57 *additionally recites* the limitation that; "The decoding apparatus according to claim 56, wherein

when the data regarding the reproducing conditions are included in the watermark detected by the watermark detecting unit

the control unit

collates

the output data with

the data regarding the reproducing conditions extracted from the data read from the medium and

outputs

the output data from the decoding unit when

the data corresponding to the reproducing conditions detected by the watermark detecting unit

coincides with

the data corresponding to the reproducing conditions extracted from the data read from the medium.".

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1,lines 5-25, col. 7,lines 33-col. 9,line 31, col. 9,lines 63-col. 21,line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and

‘Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13,lines 28-col. 14,line 8, col. 18,lines 62-col. 21,line 30)’ whereas the case of financial transactions clearly won’t occur if said user associated information so embedded is not authenticated (i.e., financial transactions won’t allow for multiple, reproduced, duplicated transactions), and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

23. Claim 58 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 56, wherein

when

the data regarding the reproducing conditions detected by

the watermark detecting unit

does not coincide with

the data regarding the reproducing conditions extracted from

the data read from the medium,

the control unit

does not output the output data from the decoding unit.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1,lines 5-25, col. 7,lines 33-col. 9,line 31, col. 9,lines 63-col. 21,line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and ‘Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13,lines 28-col. 14,line 8, col.

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18,lines 62-col. 21,line 30)' whereas the case of financial transactions clearly won't occur if said user associated information so embedded is not authenticated (i.e., financial transactions won't allow for multiple, reproduced, duplicated transactions), and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

24. Claim 59 *additionally recites* the limitation that; "The decoding apparatus according to claim 58, wherein

the decoding unit has

a reproducing conditions detecting unit for

extracting the data regarding the reproducing conditions from the read

data.".

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1,lines 5-25, col. 7,lines 33-col. 9,line 31, col. 9,lines 63-col. 21,line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and 'Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13,lines 28-col. 14,line 8, col. 18,lines 62-col. 21,line 30)' whereas the case of financial transactions clearly won't occur if said user associated information so embedded is not authenticated (i.e., financial transactions won't allow for multiple, reproduced, duplicated transactions), and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

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25. Claim 60 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 57, further comprising

a watermark adding unit for

adding a watermark formed on the basis of

the data regarding the reproducing conditions,

wherein when the watermark cannot correctly be detected from the output data outputted from the decoding unit by the watermark detecting unit the watermark adding unit

forms the watermark and

adds the watermark to the output data from the decoding unit.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and ‘Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13, lines 28-col. 14, line 8, col. 18, lines 62-col. 21, line 30)’ whereas the case of financial transactions clearly won’t occur if said user associated information so embedded is not authenticated (i.e., financial transactions won’t allow for multiple, reproduced, duplicated transactions), and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

26. Claim 61 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 60, wherein

when the watermark is correctly detected from

the output data from the decoding unit by the watermark detecting unit

the watermark adding unit does not add the watermark.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and ‘Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13, lines 28-col. 14, line 8, col. 18, lines 62-col. 21, line 30)’ whereas the case of financial transactions clearly won’t occur if said user associated information so embedded is not authenticated (i.e., financial transactions won’t allow for multiple, reproduced, duplicated transactions), and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

27. Claim 62 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, wherein

the decoding unit,

the storing unit, and

said control unit are constructed as one chip.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, are such that the various embodiments involving the wallet/smartcard architectures clearly are

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integrated into single chip configurations, and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

28. Claim 63 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The decoding apparatus according to claim 49, wherein

when the monitoring data stored in the storing unit indicate that

the read data cannot be reproduced,

said the control unit stops the decoding process of the read data by the decoding unit.”.

The teachings of Daggar suggest such limitations (Abstract, col. 1, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 33-col. 9, line 31, col. 9, lines 63-col. 21, line 35, whereas the electronic wallet and associated multimedia card and digital card(s) with encryption based wallet micro-module, secure storage elements, and ‘Other physical information such as a card owner signature, photo, hologram and bar code could also be included on the ... card ... owner specific (i.e., col. 13, lines 28-col. 14, line 8, col. 18, lines 62-col. 21, line 30)’ whereas the case of financial transactions clearly won’t occur if said user associated information so embedded is not authenticated (i.e., financial transactions won’t allow for multiple, reproduced, duplicated transactions), and therefore encompasses the claimed limitations as broadly interpreted by the examiner.).

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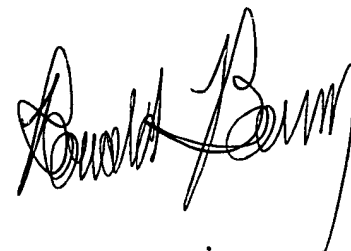
*Conclusion*

29. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from examiner should be directed to Ronald Baum, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3861, and whose unofficial Fax number is (571) 273-3861. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh, can be reached at (571) 272-3795. The Fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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